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1. MR. TEL HONG, MINISTER AT THE SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS, ALSO ACCREDITED TO LUXEMBOURG CALLED ON CHARGE SEPTEMBER 2, AFTER LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH MR. PAUL MERTZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MFA. (MERTZ IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UN AFFAIRS). HONG'S IMPRESSION IS THAT GOL IS DEFINITELY COMMITTED TO VOTING FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, BUT HAS NOT YET MADE DECISION ON CO-SPONSORING FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. IN URGING LUXEMBOURG CONFIDENTIAL

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TO BECOME CO-SPONSOR, HONG EMPHASIZED STRATEGIC AND

PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGES OF HAVING MAJORITY OF COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES AS CO-SPONSORS, WHICH WOULD BE THE CASE IF TWO MORE EC COUNTRIES SIGNED ON. HONG'S OPINION IS THAT BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG MOST LIKELY TO CO-SPONSOR OF THE SIX REMAINING EC COUNTRIES. FROM HIS CONVERSATION WITH MERTZ, HE BELIEVES LUXEMBOURG WOULD FOLLOW BELGIAN LEAD IN CO-SPONSORING IF BELGIUM DECIDED TO DO SO.

2. IN A MEETING WITH MERTZ ON ANOTHER MATTER SAME DAY, CHARGE BRIEFLY RAISED KOREAN ISSUE AND GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT HONG MAY BE TOO OPTIMISTIC ON POSSIBILITY OF LUXEMBOURG'S BECOMING A CO-SPONSOR. MERTZ SAID PRIME MINISTER THORN'S MIND WAS NOT MADE UP AND THAT HE COULD BE GREATLY INFLUENCED BY OTHER EC MEMBER STATE ACTIONS, BUT THAT HE STILL LEANED AGAINST CO-SPONSORING BECAUSE HE WANTS TO PRESERVE AN APPEARANCE OF PERSONAL NEUTRALITY ON THE EVE OF HIS UNGA PRESIDENCY. PHILLIPS

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